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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A bag slitting apparatus for opening a sealed bag, comprising:  
first and second arms having exterior surfaces extending concavely from a common  
bridge;  
the first arm carrying a cutting surface on an interior surface facing the second arm; ~~and~~  
the second arm carrying a receiving surface that cooperates with the cutting surface to  
make a cut through a portion of the bag when the first and second arms are  
opposed about the bag, and  
wherein the first and second arms are each significantly wider than the bridge.
- 2-3. Canceled.
4. (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the arms  
and the bridge are ~~said~~ fabricated as a single piece of plastic
5. (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the cutting  
surface is an edge of a metal blade.
6. (Previously amended) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the  
receiving surface is curved.
7. (New) A bag slitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the entirety of the first and  
second arms extend concavely from the bridge.